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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman

SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution on Michigan School Nurse Day

The Michigan State Board of Education is being asked to support Michigan school nurses by adopting a resolution declaring May 6, 2009, as Michigan School Nurse Day. The School Nurse Day initiative will encourage schools and communities to recognize school nurses for the impact they have on children and the valuable and meaningful contributions they offer on a daily basis.

School nurses provide services to an increasing number of students with a multitude of health conditions in order for them to safely attend school and are an invaluable member of the education team. They support the needs of students and reduce barriers to learning by facilitating positive student responses to normal development; promoting health and safety; intervening with actual and potential health problems; providing case management services; and actively collaborating with others to build student and family capacity for adaptation, self-management, self-advocacy, and learning.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education adopt the Michigan School Nurse Day Resolution, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated March 11, 2009.

Attachment

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RESOLUTION

MICHIGAN SCHOOL NURSE DAY

May 6, 2009

WHEREAS, the school nurse provides services to an increasing number of students with a multitude of health conditions in order for them to safely attend school; and

WHEREAS, the school nurse, an invaluable member of the education team, is an experienced professional responsible for providing high quality health care, counseling, and educational services in the school environment; and

WHEREAS, school nursing is a specialized practice of professional nursing that maximizes each child's potential to learn and grow and advances the well-being, academic success, and life-long achievement of students; and

WHEREAS, school nurses support the needs of students and reduce barriers to learning by facilitating positive student responses to normal development; promoting health and safety; intervening with actual and potential health problems; providing case management services; and actively collaborating with others to build student and family capacity for adaptation, self-management, self-advocacy, and learning; and

WHEREAS, school nurses conduct health screenings and assessments, evaluate and monitor communicable diseases, work to comply with immunization laws, provide specialized nursing treatment and care, and share specialized knowledge through health education; and

WHEREAS, school nurses continue to adapt to an ever-expanding role in which they provide expertise in health counseling, preventative health care, environmental health and safety, school and community health programs, and emergency health services; and

WHEREAS, school nurses diligently adhere to high standards of professionalism and continually work to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to respond to ongoing change in the education and health care delivery systems; and

WHEREAS, school nurses' efforts to improve the overall health and well-being of our children are worthy of the highest recognition and praise, and with their dedication, nurturing care, and professional expertise are very much appreciated; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education declare May 6, 2009, as Michigan School Nurse Day; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education support the Michigan School Nurses and the School Nurse Day initiative, and encourage schools and communities to appropriately recognize school nurses for the impact they have on children and the valuable and meaningful contributions school nurses offer on a daily basis.